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A.Z.A. SABBATH SET FOR APRIL 8th

Tonight the entire Jewish Community is cordially invited to be the guests of the Moses Bilsky Chapter, Aleph Zadik Aleph of B'nai Brith for A. Z. A. Sabbath Services in the Agudath Achim Synagogue, on Rideau Street.

At nine o'clock promptly the members will commence to conduct the service and special exercises in honour of the A. Z. A. Order, that aims to further Judaism in the youth and strengthen the ties between Jewish teachings and the Order. Cantor J. Rabin will lead in Congregational singing.

'Grandsons Of The Covenant' is the appropriate topic which has been selected by Rabbi Margolis. Those from the Chapter who will participate include the following:

Herbert Wolf, President, Opening Prayer; Herman Roodman, Advisor to A. Z. A., 'What Can Judaism Offer Its Youth?; Joseph Lieff, Past President, 'Why A. Z. A.?'; Israel Shinder, Vice-President, 'The Age-Old Problem'; Max Gennis, President of Laurentian Region of A. Z. A., Closing Prayer.

Your attendance will manifest your support to A. Z. A. in promoting its cause of bringing Jewish youth closer to Judaism. Please make every effort to be present this evening at 9 o'clock in observance of A. Z. A. Sabbath. A truly enjoyable and inspirational Oneg Shabbat evening awaits those who will attend.

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RABBI MARGOLIS TO DELIVER YIDDISH SERMON SATURDAY

In accordance with time-honored tradition in the Rabbinate, Rabbi Margolis will deliver a special Talmudic discourse in connection with 'Sabbath Hagadol', this Sabbath afternoon, at 6 o'clock, in Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street. Those who remember the Rabbi's practice on Sabbath Shuvah, will recall that he announced that twice a year, on Sabbath Shuvah and Sabbath Hagadol, he would maintain this ancient Rabbinical custom.

Worshippers of all synagogues are invited and urged to be present.

Why I Am a Jew

by Stanton J. D. Fendell

But yesterday, and I was known
As the only race that followed God;
Today the entire world has shown
Its faith in One that holds the rod
O'er every form that can be known.

But yesterday, and I moved alone,
And the entire world did conceive me odd;
Today each nation thinks his own
The power to rule the verdant sod,
And all things sway with lordly tone.

Ah, verily, such is my fate
That I should teach the world to strive
The truth to love, the sham to hate;
And so, in suffering I must live;
For me a Jew did God create.

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THIS SABBATH

Parsha Metzora

Friday Evening 9.00 p.m.
"A. Z. A. SABBATH"
RABBI WILLIAM MARGOLIS
will speak
in the Agudath Achim Synagogue,
Rideau Street
on
"GRANDSONS OF THE COVENANT"

Schedule of Services

Kindling of Lights.....6.21 p.m.
Sabbath Eve Services.....6.30 p.m.
Sabbath Morning Services
Cong. Adath Jeshurun....9.00 a.m.
Cong. Agudath Achim.....9.00 a.m.
Cong. Machzikei Hadath....8.30 a.m.
Cong. B'nai Jacob.....8.30 a.m.

B'NAI BRITH INSTALLATION TO BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT

B'nai Brith's Annual Installation of Officers and Dinner-Dance takes place on Monday evening, April 11th in the lovely and spacious Ballroom of the Chateau Laurier. At 7.30 o'clock the event will get under way when dinner will be served with Mr. Edward Gittleson, incoming President, presiding at the table.

The guest speaker of the evening will be Hon. David A. Rose, of Boston, Mass., Justice of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District. A young man, thirty-two years old, Judge Rose has a distinguished law record, is an ardent Zionist and a prominent communal worker in his city. He will also be the Installation Officer, and will have a noteworthy message for his listeners.

This year's function will see the officers of the Men's Lodge and of the Women's Auxiliary installed jointly in an impressive ceremony, which will be unique in as much as for the first time in the annals of B'nai Brith in Ottawa, the Presidents of the two organizations will be husband and wife.

The occasion will be honoured with the presence of Rabbi and Mrs Margolis and Mr. A. J. Freiman, President of the Vaad Ho'Ir.

The Chairman of arrangements, Mr. Simon J. Ritt, states that plans have been completed to the smallest detail.

The affair will take place in cabaret style with one of the leading orchestras of the Capital in attendance. Mr. Robert Edelstein, who is in charge of the program, assures us that during the dancing entertainment of a high calibre will be featured.

Jews of Ottawa cannot afford to miss this colorful, significant celebration in the history of the Men's and Women's Lodges of B'nai Brith.

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DRAMA FESTIVAL WINNERS

The Jewish community will be pleased to learn that Miriam Caplan, Bert Katz, and Max Bookman, members of the Petrified Forest cast, will go to Winnipeg for the Dominion Drama Festval in May as the result of winning the regional competition in Kingston.

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B'NAI BRITH SERMONETTE

B'nai Brith of Ottawa, and all its affiliated groups, have brought this week-end in our fair city an aura of festivity. Officers are to be installed by a prominent American jurist whose active Zionism and communal labors did not prevent him from civic advancement. Aleph Zadik Aleph is marking annual 'A.Z.A. Sabbath' with special services and sermons. As one who loves all Jewish effort and seeks a share in its enhancement, we beg leave to do a bit of appropriate homilizing.

We are particularly touched by the spectacle of a young Jewish husband and wife, simultaneously and respectively taking of B'nai Brith leadership in the men's and women's branches. Here is a picture of connubial cooperation at its best. Husband and wife, treading life's precarious path loving, not only each other, but the same Jewish ideals, together. No better bond could be consummated than the tie of an imperishable principle of Jewish service to Israel and the community. We heartily recommend this matrimonial formula so excellently exemplified by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gittleson, to other husbands and wives who may have nothing in common with each other than the roof of their homes, or their consuming passion for poker or bridge. . . .

For the idea of A.Z.A. Sabbath we can have naught but sentiments of prideful praise. We cannot, however, resist the thought that 'A.Z.A. Sabbath' would have lasting worth, indeed, if all the members of A.Z.A. made every Sabbath 'A.Z.A. Sabbath'. It might logically follow that the potential power and usefulness of this splendid youth group would make itself felt throughout the year, and not merely in spasmodic spurts of prepared enthusiasm.

We are happy, at any rate, that A.Z.A., and B'nai Brith, generally, are tending, more and more, in the direction of religious and cultural values and, are not, as formerly, devoted exclusively to fighting Antisemitism. Antisemitism will die of itself—as all such movements must. But the loyalty of Jewish sons to the Jewish Covenant must live and thrive by steady, unceasing nourishment.

We salute and felicitate B'nai Brith—not alone for what it is—but for what it can still be, in the onward, triumphant march of Jewish History.

TO SYNAGOGUE IN STYLE

We suppose that if we could get some popular idol in the cinema or the sporting world to endorse synagogue attendance, the number of worshippers each Sabbath would be substantially increased all over this continent. Or if we could sponsor some sensational comedian or ventriloquist on the radio, with commercial announcements about going to shul, synagogue benches would not stand so bare and useless on the Sabbath. And of course, if we could only start some cartoon contest, offering stupendous prizes for winners, and make synagogue attendance a prerequisite for getting contest blanks, Rabbis and Cantors would be inspired by packed throngs in shul each week.

It seems that of such is the psychology of the modern masses. Only the sensational fad, or the style set by the idol fancy, can get them to do things en masse. This appears to be true of everything from coffee to clothes to communal effort.

It so happens that Moses was no impressario, nor were the scholars and sages who formulated Jewish religious life, popular entertainers. They took it for granted that Jews need no artificial stimuli to bind them to religious life. And to this day, we feel convinced they were right. Jews who stay away from synagogue services miss something in their lives. The eager and enthusiastic response to Friday evening 'Oneg Shabbat' gatherings, demonstrated that to us of Ottawa. The Synagogue was always the spiritual and intellectual home of the Jew. And it is a sad mistake to think that 'shul' is for the Chevra Mishnayoth, or for Kaddish-criers, or for triennial pilgrimages alone. At least on the Sabbath, those who can at all find two or three hours in the morning, ought to make effort to gather for prayer, for a sermon, for spiritual relaxation in the synagogue.

Especially to Jewish women, who have not the excuse of commercial bondage, should this appeal have force. Make it stylish to be in synagogue on Sabbath mornings. Wear your best clothes. Bring your children! Train them in the art of being Jews all the year round, and not merely on chosen occasions. The Christian who is a 'regular church-goer', is the aristocrat of his community. Let us be privileged with some spiritual aristocracy.

We boast of our spendidly unified Jewish community. How much better were our boast, if on the Sabbath, when the Jewish soul unites with the Spirit of Judaism in the House of God, the Jewish men,, women and children of our city were united by the spiritual bond of our common Faith.

Well — see you in 'shul'!

William Margolis

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Every Sunday

Breakfast Club—Service and Breakfast for boys 13-17, at 9.00 a.m. sharp, Agudath Achim Synagogue Rideau Street.

Bath Mitzvah Girls—course in customs and ceremonies, at 10.30 a.m., Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street.

Hapoel Hamizrachi Hebrew Study Group from 4.30 to 6 p.m. Talmud Torah.

Friday, April 8

A. Z. A. Sabbath. Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street, 9 p.m. Speakers — Rabbi Margolis, Herman Roodman, Joseph Lieff and Israel Shinder

Sunday, April 10

A. Z. A. Tea-Dance in Talmud Torah Hall. Proceeds to go to needy families for Passover. The big feature of the afternoon will be Mr. Jack, in person, and his 'Stars of Tomorrow'.

Sunday, April 10

Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood Pre-Passover Tea. Hostesses: Mesdames Cecil Slonemsky, Sam Caplan, Gordon Caplan, and Sol Max. Program. King Edward Avenue.

Monday, April 11

B'nai Brith Installation of officers and Banquet. Chateau Laurier.

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DO NOT FORGET TO SELL YOUR CHOMETZ

In accordance with time-honored Jewish law all Chometz must be disposed of by the morning of Erev Pesach.

For the proper fulfillment of this law the mere burning of the chometz is not sufficient. There is much that remains in the home which Jewish law-makers realized could not very well be destroyed. Therefore, they evolved the rule that the Chometz must be sold to a non-Jew, through the agency of the Rabbi of the community, so that no Chometz, owned by the Jew, will be in his ownership during the Passover Feast.

The Ottawa Vaad Ho'Ir, maintaining Jewish usage, takes this means of requesting the head of each Jewish household in the city to see Rabbi Margolis sometime during the week of April 8th to 14th, to abide by the Jewish rule of 'selling Chometz'.

The Rabbi will be found at his residence, 275 Nelson Street, days and evenings during that week.

PARSHAH POINTS

Sabbath Hagadol

This Sabbath, as is usual with the one before Passover, is known as 'Sabbath Hagadol', The Great Sabbath. Many reasons are given for this aggrandized title bestowed on the Sabbath prior to Passover. Most widely accepted however, and historically sound, as well, is the idea that on that historic Sabbath, just before the exodus, the Israelites sacrificed the Paschal lamb, which was a deified animal among the Egyptians. The Jews performed this rite openly, and yet, not one murmer or sign of reprisal was noted among the Egyptians. This was considered an important miracle in connection with Jewish liberation. Hence, since time immemorial, the Sabbath before Pesach is called 'The Great Sabbath'—or the Sabbath of the Great miracle.

(As a matter of fact, to translate 'Shabbos Hagadol' as the 'Great Sabbath' would be grammatically incorrect. For the Hebrew term Shabbos is a proper feminine noun, and it would be necessary to refer to 'Shabbos Hag'dolah'—instead of Hagadol. But, translated the 'Sabbath of the Great Miracle—'Shabbos ness hagadol,' the expression is perfectly correct.)

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MAZOL TOV

To Dr. Sam Mirsky, Vice-President of the Adath Jeshurun Congregation and of the B'nai Brith, whose engagement was announced to Miss Pauline Gould, of New York City, daughter of Mrs. A Gould of Ottawa.

To Mr. and Mrs. B. Binder, 470 Elgin Street, whose son, Isadore, will be Bar Mitzvah this Saturday morning in the Machzikei Hadath Synagogue, Murray Street. We extend our best wishes for much nachath.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Edelson, 203 Friel Street, on the occasion of the recent marriage of their son, Samuel, to Rose Menheim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Menhein, of New York. We sincerely wish the newly-weds a life filled with much joy and happiness.

To Mr. and Mrs. Zelda Goldmaker, 8 Chapel Street, whose son, Solomon, will be Bar Mitzvah this Saturday in the Machzikei Hadath Synagogue. May his parents derive pride and joy from their son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roodman, 34 McGee Street, on the occasion of the engagement of their eldest daughter, Adelaide Ida, to Samuel Gaffen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Israel Gaffen, of Lithuania, and Betty Roodman, sister of Adelaide Ida, to Mr. Harry Greenberg, son of Mrs. Edith Greenberg and the late Mr. Jacob Greenberg, all of Ottawa.

COMMUNAL NOTE-BOOK

by Mem Shin Hay.

Local Zionists are making preparations for the 1938 U. P. A. Campaign. Eretz Israel will expect everyone to do his or her duty.

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Rabbi and Mrs. Margolis have just completed a tour of the Maritimes. They have been invited to make a speaking tour for the U.P.A. after Passover, which may take them as far west as Vancouver.

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Jewish boys are beginning to go places in the basketball world. 'Duke' Abelson, Dave Segel, and Arnold Greenberg members of Morrisburg Sailors Juvenile five will play in Montreal on Saturday night against the Y.M.H.A. for the Eastern Canada title. With the wealth of basketball material in the community how about an all Jewish entry next year?

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Jewish Theatre Guild have an entry in the Ottawa City Drama Festival which will be held the latter part of April. Other groups participating include the United Church, Anglican Church, Ottawa University, St Patrick College and the Workshop Group of the Ottawa Drama League. Co-operation between these dramatic organizations has further cemented the excellent relations between Jew and Gentile in the city.

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Some events to look forward to before the end of the social season for the current year include: the Young Peoples' League annual mock parliament; Ottawa Young Judaea's concert; Ottawa City Drama Festival; the current United Palestine Appeal Campaign and the guest speaker, the popular Lieb Jaffe; the B'nai Brith Installation; and A.Z.A. Sabbath which opens to-night.

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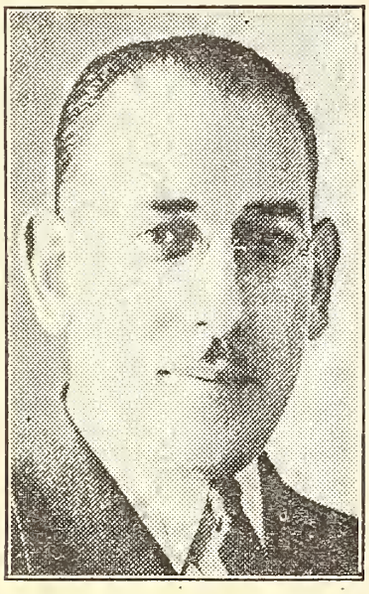
During the past week Mem Shin Hay saw Mr. C. Caplan looking the picture of health after a month's sojourn in the States, during which he underwent an operation; several prominent bachelors looking very determined in lieu of Doctor Mirsky's secession from their ranks; a number of June brides selecting their gowns for the 'big day'; a number of June grooms with that certain worried look; Saul Torontow beaming with pride that he is now a daddy; and more Jewish housewives preparing for Passover.



Mr Edward Gittleson, recently acclaimed President of B'nai Brith, Ottawa Lodge No 885 who, together with the new Executive, will be installed into office on Monday evening, in a brilliant B'nai Brith gathering at the Chateau Laurier.

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TALMUD TORAH CONCERT

Pupils of the Talmud Torah held their Annual Purim Concert on Sunday morning, March 27th, before an enthusiastic audience. Rabbi Margolis was the guest speaker and delivered an address on a Purim topic.

Miss Yassi and Mr. Clodman were thanked on behalf of the Talmud Torah Board and the Principal for their effort in making the Purim concert a success.

An appeal was made to register eligible children for the Talmud Torah Classes.

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AGUDATH ACHIM LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Agudath Achim Congregation held their Regular Meeting in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue, with Mrs. S. Coplan presiding. This marked the closing of the season until after Pesach, when activities will be resumed again. Mrs. A. Brunberg, gave a most satisfactory financial report.

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JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Speaker for Saturday morning, March 25th, was David Lieff, on 'King David'. Last Saturday David Loeb spoke on 'King Solomon'.

A TIMELY NOTE

We are nearing the close of the 1938 Joint Distribution Committee Campaign in Ottawa. Launched five weeks ago, at just about the time of the Nazi rape of Austria and its accompanying persecutions of the Jewish citizens of that unfortunate country, the Campaign aimed at an objective much higher than last year's total figure. To date, notwithstanding the efforts of many of our teams who canvassed the community, and the whole-hearted co-operation evidenced by many of our fellow-Jews in Ottawa and the surrounding towns in the Valley, we are still far short of that objective. The purpose of these words is not so much to appeal for greater support for our campaign. In the face of the Jewish struggle for justice and fair play to be treated as human beings in those democracy-forsaken countries where inhuman governments seek to destroy them, we are hopeful that that support will be forthcoming. It is to present a brief outline of the activities and accomplishments of the Joint Distribution Committee.

J.D.C. is HOPE, SALVATION, NEW LIFE.

L. Harry Goldman

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LIST OF FURTHER J. D. C. CONTRIBUTIONS

$50.00

B. Palef.

$15.00

Ladies' Auxiliary, Agudath Achim Synagogue.

$10.00

Boys' Breakfast Club.

$5.00

Mrs. Libby Dover, Chalk River, Ont, Ladies' Auxiliary, Machzikei Hadath Synagogue, H. W. Robinson, David Slover.

$3.00

A. Brahinsky, L. Goren, J. Leob, Maccabean Daughters, Young Judaea, Nathan Sadinsky.

$2.00

A. Goren, Mrs. E. Greenberg, Billings' Bridge, Ont, Sam Greenberg, Moe Greenberg, L. Kardish, Kardish Bros., A. Kert, D. Sinder.

$1.00

Mrs. S. Bodnoff, Arnold Borts, J. Butovsky, H. Cantor, M. Cohen, S. Cohen, S. Cohen, A. Dubrow, C. Dubinsky, Mrs. M. Drazin, Nathan Greenberg, Billings Bridge, Ont., S. Katznelson, M. Z. Lithwick, S. Saslove, Mrs. Rose Sadinsky, Eddie Sadinsky, Joe Sadinsky, H. Shinder, Mrs. J. Slover, Frank Steinberg Sam Symkus, B. Moray, Hyman Weiner.

Photo by Levendal Studio.

Mrs. Edward Gittleson, who heads the Women's Auxiliary Lodge No. 62, will be installed into office with her new Executive. During the five years of their residence here, both Mr. and Mrs. Gittleson have earned the warm admiration of a wide circle of friends.

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FINAL A.Z.A. TEA DANCE

On Sunday, April 10th, at 4 p.m. the Aleph Zadik Aleph of B'nai Brith will hold its final dance of the season in the Talmud Torah Hall for the purpose of raising funds to supply baskets of fruit to the needy Jewish families of Ottawa for Passover.

From reports received from the various chairmen we feel safe in saying that this charitable affair will be one of the most successful social events of the season..

The big feature of the evening will be entertainment supplied by Mr. Jack, in person, and his 'Stars of Tomorrow', together with Ottawa's boy Tap Dance wonder 'Sonny Morin', who has just returned from a successful engagement on the stage in Toronto, Hamilton, Oshawa, winning second prize on the 'Good Humor Amateur Show'. We are very fortunate in having Mr. Jack make his last public appearance in Ottawa before he leaves permanently for Toronto.

Enticing music and delicious refreshments will be served to make this occasion one which will be long remembered by the many who will attend this charitable affair.

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GOOD HEALTH WISHES

To Miss Dinah Edelson, 203 Friel Street, who has been confined to bed after an injury due to an accident. Our heartfelt wishes go to Dinah for her speedy and complete recovery.